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# *GLBTS*

## *Future Meeting and Reporting Frequency and Format*

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## *Issue*

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- **Some Level 1 Legacy Substances:** Positive but diminishing returns of efforts to reduce and eliminate.
- **Emerging Substances:** Detected and reported in the basin. Could pose a threat.
- **GLBTS commitment to adaptive management:** The time is opportune to revisit GLBTS operations and communication of results, and, if necessary, to enable adjustments.
- **Discussion Paper:** Reviews and proposes examples pertaining to future meeting structure and frequency as well as reporting format and frequency





## *Current Status – Meeting Structure & Frequency*

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- **Integration Workgroup:** Quarterly, reports to BEC annually or more.
- **Legacy Workgroups:** Biannually (May, Dec)
  - Pesticides, alkyl-lead, OCS, and Dioxins and Furans are now inactive.
  - HCB / B(a)P remains active. Includes Burn Barrel sub-group since Dec 07.
  - Mercury remains active but considering meeting annually.
  - PCB remains active and could consider annual meetings.
  - Sediments and Long Range Transport report out significant developments.
- **Substance / Sector Workgroup:** Formed in Sept 2007. Currently meet regularly.
- **Stakeholder Forum:** Biannually, in conjunction with Integration Workgroup and the Substances Workgroup (May, Dec).
- **Conference Calls:** Parties / Stakeholders to prepare for upcoming Forum meeting and discuss Substance / Sector Workgroup progress.

## *Current Status – Meeting Structure & Frequency*

- Past schedule Dec / May

Day 1		Day 2		Day 3	
am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
	Travel	Forum & Legacy	Legacy	IW	IW / travel

- Past schedule Feb / Sept

Day 1		Day 2	
am	pm	am	pm
	Travel	IW	IW / travel



# Current Status – Reporting Format & Frequency

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- Annual Progress Report
- Quarterly Update (June and/or December).
- Available hard copy, CD ROM, and on [www.binational.net](http://www.binational.net)
- Distributed to stakeholders and at promotional / outreach venues:
  - *Province of Ontario and U.S. States*
  - *Municipalities*
  - *First Nations and Tribes*
  - *NGOs, industry, and academia*
  - *Binational Executive Committee (BEC)*
  - *Lakewide Management Plans (LaMPs)*
  - *International Joint Commission*
  - *Internal EC and USEPA staff, including National Chemical Management Program staff*
  - *SOLEC*
  - *Tall Ships*
  - *Cities Initiatives Conference*
  - *etc.*

# Strategic Considerations

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- **Resource Rationalization:** Flatlining or decreasing. New reality?
- **EC and USEPA:** Priority to their respective statutory responsibilities (CMP and ChAMP) and share technical information (Montebello).
- **Stakeholders:** May share information on the status of CMP and ChAMP and contribute information on voluntary projects that support either review.
- **GLBTS transition period:** Identification of new priorities and management actions to address Stream 1 Substances will re-energize stakeholder engagement.
- **GLBTS key success attributes:**
  - open, multi-stakeholder process
  - pace that maintains momentum
  - collection and sharing of information to empower voluntary actions
  - adaptive management commitment to continuously assess progress and enable adjustments
- **BEC Review of Great Lakes Program reporting:**



## *Meeting Structure & Frequency*

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- **Substance and Sector Workgroup:** Face to face quarterly (1.5 days in Feb and Sept, and 1 day in Dec and May) with regular telcon.
- **Legacy / Stakeholders:** Annually (3/4 day each in Dec). Legacy WG conduct bulk of their work through tele/video conference and through webinars.
- **Integration Workgroup:** Biannually (May and Dec) for 3/4 day
- **Hosting:** Continue to alternate between the two countries.





# Examples – Meeting Structure & Frequency

December

Day 1		Day 2		Day 3	
am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
	1:00 – 4:30 Legacy WG	8:30 – 12:00 Subst / Sec	1:00 – 4:30 Subst / Sec	8:30 – 12:00 Forum / IWG	1:00 – 3:30 IWG

or

December

Day 1		Day 2		Day 3	
am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
10:30 – 12:00 Legacy WG	1:00 – 4:30 Legacy WG	8:30 – 12:00 Subst / Sec	1:00 – 4:30 Subst / Sec	8:30 – 12:00 Forum / IWG	1:00 – 3:30 IWG

Feb / Sept

Day 1		Day 2	
am	pm	am	pm
	1:00 – 4:30 Subst / Sec	8:30 – 12:00 Subst / sec	1:00 – 3:30 Subst / sec

May

Day 1		Day 2	
am	pm	am	pm
8:30 – 12:00 Subst/Sec	1:00 – 3:00 Subst / Sec	8:30 – 12:00 IWG	1:00 – 3:30 IWG

## *Other Options? Meeting Structure & Frequency*

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- Example: Moving Stakeholder Forum after Legacy and Substance/Sector WG December or May meetings?
- Considerations: Travel, adequate deliberation time, location
- Others?





## *Reporting Format & Frequency*

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- **Biennial Progress Report** on even years ( 2008-2009 edition available in 2010).
  - **Current model:** Workgroup / challenge goals summary of activity and progress and environmental indicators of progress (i.e. SOLEC on even years)
  - **Current model +:** Meetings summary, Challenge Goals, Indicators of success (SOLEC on even years), Surveillance, Others?
  - Shorter, **performance based** model?
- **Newsletter** on odd years / off year of the Biennial Progress Report (4 to 8 pagers depending on need). First edition available in May 2009.
- **Update** (June and / or Dec) as required on even and/or odd years.
- **Co-release** of Biennial Progress Report and CD-ROM.
- **Maintain** annual reporting to BEC



## *Reporting Format & Frequency (cont'd)*

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- *Need for a hard copy of the Biennial report?*
  - Other reporting / marketing options?
- Other suggestions?

